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Sir or Madam:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment on the record in response to the Final Office Action mailed on July 1, 2003. This response is in support of a Request for Continuing Examination enclosed herewith. Attached please find a Petition For A Three Month Extension Of Time.

On page two this communication please find a status of all claims with instructions for entry pursuant to revised 37 CFR § 1.21.